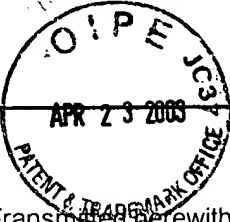
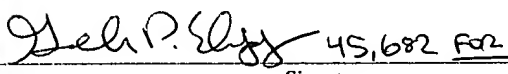


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AMENDMENT

Consideration of the following response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2003 is respectfully requested. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is submitted herewith.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 12 as follows.

1. (Amended) A float system for use with a rotation motor that rotates a rotatably-supported body, the rotation motor having first and second ports for receiving and discharging pressurized media supplied from a source thereof, the float system comprising:

a valve interposed between a first media line connected to the first port of the rotation motor and a second media line connected to the second port of the rotation motor; and

a control mechanism including a manual actuation mechanism operatively coupled with the valve for selectively switching the valve between a closed position wherein the first and second media lines are substantially isolated from one another and an open position wherein the first and second media lines are in communication with one another to allow for reducing a pressure differential between the first and second ports of the rotation motor, wherein the manual actuation mechanism allows for selectively switching the valve without regard to the magnitude of the pressure differential.

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